THE TESTOSTA-REVOLT OF '86

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Tina: Judy and Carolyn's mother

Judy: Carolyn's younger sister, Tina's daughter **Carolyn**: Judy's older sister, Tina's daughter

SCENE: The interior of a decent-sized house-pod circa 2417. CAROLYN is here holding what looks like a slinky or a section of air-conditioning tubing between both ears. In actuality it is a visio-helio-graph-alizer. And she is very focused on its content, her eyes closed. She is deeply immersed.

In a moment, JUDY emerges slowly from a nearby bedroom, walking backwards as she looks into the room. Her clothes hang loosely as though she's just come from something intimate, something satisfying, something exhilarating.

JUDY: (speaking to someone in the room we can't see) Congratulations, you're the last man standing.

MALE VOICE: (ridiculous) Oh yeeaaaaaah.

Judy smiles and turns, walks into the living room confident and happy.

Carolyn notices her and is suddenly overtaken with concern. She rips off her slinky and runs to Judy, peeks quickly into the bedroom, then pulls Judy to the side.

CAROLYN: What are you doing?

JUDY: What do you mean?

CAROLYN: In there. With him. You're not doing what I think you're doing, are you.

JUDY: I'm not doing anything any more. I don't think I could if I tried. I am worn out. Put a fork in me!

CAROLYN: Did you... bave relations with that man?

JUDY: "Relations"? Jesus, Carolyn, what is this, the 2300s? Nobody talks like that anymore.

CAROLYN: Judy, tell me you didn't.

JUDY: I didn't.

CAROLYN: You didn't?

JUDY: Sure.

CAROLYN: You're sure you didn't? Is that what you're saying?

JUDY: For God's sake. If you're asking me if I fucked Larry, hell yes I did! And I'm proud of it!

MAIL VOICE: Oh yeeeeaaaaah!

Judy smiles, she's loving it.

CAROLYN: What is wrong with you?

JUDY: Wrong with me? What's wrong with *you*? That is the last dude on the entire fucking planet, don't you realize that? I want every piece of him I can get. I booked him for two solid hours this morning.

CAROLYN: Oh God.

JUDY: Cost me thirteen titanium velva-sheens, but I'm glad I did it. Totally worth it.

CAROLYN: You are impossible. Mom is gonna be pissed.

TINA enters from another wing of the house-pod unwrapping a hose or a pipe or something similar from around her head.

TINA: What is going on down here? I can barely focus on my brain ebulizer exercises.

CAROLYN: Judy had sex.

TINA: (unimpressed) Uh-huh.

CAROLYN: With a MAN.

TINA: (turns to Judy, sternly) Is this true?

JUDY: So what if it is.

TINA: What man? There are no men left in our quadrant anymore.

CAROLYN: There's one.

JUDY: And what a man he is.

TINA: Please don't tell me. Not...

CAROLYN: Larry

TINA: Larry the rust remover?

CAROLYN: Not so loud. He's still here.

TINA: In this house-pod?!

Carolyn motions to the bedroom. Tina tiptoes over and peeks in.

TINA: Judy, this is absolutely unconscionable.

JUDY: What are you guys even talking about? Larry is good. Larry is flexible. There's a reason he's still around. And not just because he knows how to get the rust off things. (looks her sister up and down, then, judgmentally:) Although maybe some of us could use that.

TINA: There's a reason there's only man left.

JUDY: The Testosta-Revolt of '86, yeah, I know. Men aren't good for anything, a burden on society, a drain on resources, unnecessary for reproduction since the perfection of low-cost genetic cloning, etcetera, etcetera. I learned all about in my 5th grade knowledge booster shot. But still, come on, there's something about the feel of a man that is irreplaceable.

Carolyn gives Tina a look.

Tina pulls out a small bottle of tablets (which look an awful lot like M&Ms).

TINA: That's what these are for. Just pop one in your mouth and... (she does) chew, swallow and... (she lets out a mildly satisfied, short moan, like the kind you might make after drinking a sip of really good coffee.)

CAROLYN: Check that out.

JUDY: That? THAT'S your idea of a satisfactory replacement for men? I just had two magical hours in there. Skin on glistening skin.

Carolyn makes a face.

TINA: (about tablets) You can take more than one, you know.

CAROLYN: Yeah. Watch this.

Carolyn grabs the bottle from Tina and takes two M&Ms out. Chews them. Swallows.

CAROLYN: (in a semi-enjoyable way) Okay, that's right, mmm.

TINA: Ooh, I'm getting a little flushed just listening to that.

JUDY: You people are insane. I'm going back in with Larry. I think I have one or two more titanium velva-sheens somewhere. Should buy me another ten minutes or so.

She starts to walk toward the bedroom.

Tina grabs her arm.

TINA: Stop it.

JUDY: You're hurting me.

TINA: You're hurting us. Your sister and me. Your entire generation. Women everywhere.

JUDY: So dramatic.

She begins to walk off again.

TINA: No!!

Judy stops.

CAROLYN: Shhh, you're going to wake him.

TINA: I don't care. Listen to me. In centuries past there were other battles like the Testosta-Revolt of '86. In each case the numbers of men were diminished as society as a whole recognized they were having a negative effect on the galaxy. There were always a few men left after each of these battles. So-called harmless men.

CAROLYN: Like Larry.

TINA: Right. But they always ended up filling the void left by the others. They couldn't seem to help it. They *had* to turn into self-serving pricks. And now it's time to root out this plague before it comes back again and destroys civilization as we know it.

JUDY: I respect what you're saying. I do. But I want to have sex, Mom. And not just chew on some little round tablets that'll give me 5 seconds of mild contentment.

CAROLYN: Take more then. Take three!

Carolyn takes three M&Ms, chews them.

CAROLYN: (a bit more excitement than last time) Oh boy. Oh yeah. Holy moley, that's somethin'!

JUDY: (stares) Not impressed.

She starts to walk off again to the bedroom.

JUDY: Here I come, Larry!

Carolyn and Tina look at each other.

CAROLYN: Wait.

JUDY: God, what now?

CAROLYN & TINA: There's something we have to tell you.

Judy stares, annoyed.

Carolyn and Tina together in a way that's hard to understand.

CAROLYN: Larry is your brother. TINA: Larry is your uncle.

This gets Judy's attention.

JUDY: Wait, what?

Carolyn and Tina share another look.

CAROLYN: Larry is your cousin. TINA: Larry is your nephew.

JUDY: What? I don't understand what you're...

CAROLYN: Larry is your grandson. TINA: Larry is your grandfather.

JUDY: What the fuck are you people talking about? Larry's a fucking rust remover. Right? I mean he gets the rust off of old metal things that people have lying around.

TINA: I hate to be the one to tell you this, Judy, but Larry is more than just a rust remover.

CAROLYN: A lot more.

TINA: He's your cousin and grandson and grandfather and nephew and brother and uncle.

JUDY: That doesn't make any fucking sense.

TINA: I know.

CAROLYN: Plus he also waits tables at Fredo's Place on Mondays. The late shift.

TINA: But that's irrelevant.

CAROLYN : Right, sorry.

TINA: After the Testosta-Revolt of '86 there was a mix-up with the DNA bank and the genetic storage units in general. That's a another problem with the men that were left. They had all kinds of screwed up lineage and interpersonal relationship issues. No one could sort it out.

JUDY: Oh my God. So you're saying I just had two hours of magical, phenomenal sex with my fucking uncle?

CAROLYN: And your grandson. And your cousin.

TINA: And your nephew and grandfather.

Judy reacts.

JUDY: I think I'm going to be sick. Jesus, is he my father too?

TINA: You don't have a father. Thank God.

Carolyn raises her hand up and Tina high-fives her.

JUDY: All right. Well now you've got my attention.

TINA: I didn't want to tell you, honey. I knew it'd be tough. Wasn't sure how you'd handle it.

JUDY: It's a lot of information to digest at once.

CAROLYN: I could barely handle it when mom told me.

JUDY: When was that?

TINA: It's not important.

JUDY : (to Carolyn) Have you had sex with him too?

CAROLYN: God no.

TINA: Anyway, I hope you understand the importance of staying away from men like Larry now.

CAROLYN: Not that there are any of them left.

TINA: Let's thank our lucky stars for that.

JUDY: Okay, I think I know what to do now.

TINA: Terrific.

CAROLYN: So proud of you, sis.

Judy walks over to the bedroom door and hangs there.

JUDY: So Larry, what do you say? You ready for what's next?

MALE VOICE: Oh yeeeeeaaaaaaaah.

Judy walks inside.

Carolyn and Tina stand there waiting for a moment.

CAROLYN: This is a little awkward.

TINA: I suppose.

CAROLYN: What do you think is happening in there?

TINA: We've got to trust your sister. I'm sure she's doing the right thing.

CAROLYN: Right.

Reat.

CAROLYN: I'm just going to...

Carolyn walks slowly and quietly over to the bedroom and peeks inside.

She sees something and immediately turns away, repulsed. She runs back to Tina.

TINA: What is it.

CAROLYN: Oh my God. She's doing it again. She's having sex with him.

Tina's jaw drops. They hold each other.

In a moment Judy slinks back out of the bedroom like she did at the beginning. Tina and Carolyn are dumbfounded.

Judy looks back into the bedroom.

JUDY: So, Larry, was that good for you?

MALE VOICE: Oh yeeeea--

But before he can finish she whips out a laser degeneration gun, points it into the bedroom and fires.

We hear a loud ZAP and then a loud EXPLOSION as legs, arms, hands, feet and a head come flying out of the bedroom onto the stage.

Tina and Carolyn take cover and are amazed at what they see.

Judy looks down at the carnage.

JUDY: (to what's left of Larry) That was a rhetorical question.

Judy begins to laugh. And the others do too. Judy sticks her hand out and Tina pours some M&M tablets for both daughters. Everyone starts popping tablets as they walk slowly offstage.

The happy family exits as the lights dim.

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